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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER 5

1. WP (PAGE 1) STATES SADAT, CONFRONTED WITH OPEN SYRIAN AND SOVIET CONDEMNATION OF PACT, BITTERLY ACCUSED THEM OF PLAYING ISRAEL'S GAME AND DIVIDING ARABS. HE ALSO DENOUNCED SOVIET REFUSAL TO BE PARTY TO SIGNING IN GENEVA AND CHARGED SOVIETS SABOTAGED SECRETARY'S ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT IN MARCH. (ALSO NYT)

2. WP (PAGE 1) SAYS SOVIETS ARE SHOWING INCREASING RESENTMENT AT AMERICAN STAND ON MANY MAJOR ISSUES AND ARE EXPRESSING DIFFERENCES IN TERMS AS STRONG AS ANY EMPLOYED IN DETENTE ERA.

3. WP (PAGE 13) REUTERS ITEM REPORTS TASS DENIAL THAT DECLINE IN NUMBER OF JEWS LEAVING FOR ISRAEL DUE TO DELIBERATE GOVERNMENT POLICY.
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4. WP (PAGE 16) BERNARD NOSSITER REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT FINDINGS OF "MILITARY BALANCE 1975-1976," UNOFFICIAL BUT AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE TO WORLD'S MILITARY FORCES, SHOW THAT USSR AND WARSAW PACT ALLIES HAVE DECISIVE EDGE OVER NATO IN NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS, TANKS AND PLANES, BUT

HIGHER QUALITY OF NATO WEAPONS AND SHEER SIZE OF ITS DEFENSE WOULD MAKE ANY ATTACK SO COSTLY THAT ROUGH PARITY EXISTS.

5. NYT (PAGE 6) REPORTS THAT 7,000 U.S. TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORED IN EUROPE ARE BECOMING CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE AS ALLIED PREPARE TO RESUME MBFR TALKS WITH SOVIETS.

6. NYT (PAGE 30) REPORTS DEATH OF IVAN MAISKY, RETIRED SOVIET DIPLOMAT.

7. SUN (PAGE 1) REPORTS THAT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES WILL VISIT USSR LATER IN MONTH. (ALSO WSJ)

8. SUN (PAGE 1) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ TOLD SENATE COMMITTEE THAT I IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO MAKE FURTHER GRAIN SALES TO SOVIET UNION WITHOUT FIRST RESOLVING DISPUTE WITH MARITIME UNIONS.

9. SUN (PAGE B-4) REPORTS THAT WHEN ASKED WHERE HOME IS, ROSTROPOVICH REPLIED, "HOME IS OUR APARTMENT IN MOSCOW," ADDING "PRESENT SITUATION (IN USSR) IS SO CONTRARY TO WHAT IS NATURAL TO ART THAT IT HAS TO CHANGE." ROBINSON

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